Students Are Invited to Submit their Films to Help Others and Win Prizes!

Students throughout California are invited to Direct Change by submitting 60-second films in two categories: "Suicide Prevention" and "Ending the Silence about Mental Illness". The winning teams and their associated schools will win prizes, receive mental health or suicide prevention programs for their schools, get to participate in a meeting with state legislators on these topics, and attend the award ceremony at the end of the 2014-15 school year. Visit the campaign website for contest rules and information: www.directingchange.org.

Submission Deadlines: February 1, 2015.

Want to stay updated with all things Directing
Change? Subscribe to The Advocate: Directing Change Newsletter! The Newsletter features updates about Directing Change and monthly educational films about topics on mental health and suicide prevention.

DVDs of the 2014 finalists and promotional flyers are available upon request. Please contact Lauren Hee at lauren@namica.org or 916-567-0163

Important Upcoming Events and Conferences Around California and Online

Please Attend: Chronic Disease, Patient Protections and the ACA

We hope you and your colleagues will be able to attend this important complimentary health care forum breakfast about Chronic Disease, Patient Protections and the ACA hosted by the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease on December 2, 8:30 to 11:30 am in Sacramento. Free continental breakfast starts at 8:30 am.

Please reserve your spot at: http://www.eventbrite.com/e/chronic-disease-patient-protections-and-the-aca-addressing-access-affordability-tickets-13740717857

"Together Against Stigma: Each Mind Matters" Annual Conference Coming Soon!

Please mark your calendars for this very important conference coming soon February 17-20th. Training for
consumers, family members and other mental health advocates.

Save the date information:


NAMI California Programs Training News

NAMI FAMILY PROGRAMS TRAININGS: These are also posted on http://namifamily.blogspot.com

Note: These trainings are for family members to become teachers of the education programs listed below. Support group trainings are for family members to become facilitators of a support group.

- Basics: January 23-25, 2015 Ontario, California
- Family Support Group: February 6-8, 2015 Chico, California
- Family Support Group: March 20-22, 2015 San Diego, California
- Family to Family: March 20-22, 2015 San Diego, California
- Family to Family: April 17- April 19, 2015 Bakersfield, California
- Family to Family: May 15-17, 2015 Vacaville, California
- Basics: May 15-17, 2015 Vacaville, California

There will also be Family to Family trainings offered by the LACC (NAMI Los Angeles County). Please contact Brittnay Weissman: brittnay@namilaccc.org for more information.

**Grants will also be available to NAMI California affiliates desiring to put on their own trainings.** Please contact Lynn Cathy at lynn@namica.org for further details.
NAMI PEER PROGRAMS TRAININGS:
These trainings are for peer members to become teachers of the education programs listed below:

- Peer to Peer: Fresno, January 23-25, 2015
- Peer to Peer: Fairfield, February 20-22, 2015
- Peer to Peer: Campbell, April 24-26, 2015
- Peer to Peer: San Diego, May 15-17, 2015
- Persona a Persona: Ontario, Date TBD

Grants will be available to NAMI California affiliates to put on their own trainings for the Connection (i.e. support group) and Peer to Peer programs after January 1, 2015. Please contact Lynn Cathy, Interim Peer Coordinator, for more information at lynn@namica.org

NAMI on Campus High School: We are launching NAMI on Campus High School (NCHS) this Fall! NCHS is a student-led club that promotes mental health and wellness. In addition to our two trainings in November, a new training date has been set for Monday, December 1, 2014 in San Bernardino County. Please contact Kelly Boyles at kelly@namica.org for more information.

Send inquiries to:

- Family Programs - Lynn@namica.org
- IOOV, Peer to Peer and Connection - Lynn@namica.org (Interim Coordinator)
- Parents and Teachers as Allies, Ending the Silence, NAMI on Campus, Provider Education - Kelly@namica.org
- Directing Change - Lauren@namica.org
- Programs Director, Beth Wolf (Larkins)- Beth@namica.org

NAMI California Office: 916-567-0163
Seeks Input on California Reducing Disparities Project Phase 2

The following message was sent by the CDPH.

As CDPH continues planning for Phase 2 of CRDP, we would like to know more about organizations that may apply for Phase 2 pilot project funding.

If your organization provides a mental-health-related community-defined evidence program or practice (CDEP) and you are interested in applying for Phase 2 funding, we want to hear from you! Please visit [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CDLNXYX](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CDLNXYX) to complete a brief survey.

This survey is broken into four short sections and should take you no more than 15 minutes to complete. All submissions must be received by 5 pm on December 15, 2014. Please feel free to share this survey with others who may be interested in applying for CRDP Phase 2 pilot project funding.

The attached CRDP Phase 2 Executive Summary provides background information on Phase 2 that may be helpful to review prior to completing the survey.

Thank you in advance for completing the survey. Your responses will help us to develop support that assists your organization in its efforts to promote mental health and prevent mental illness among unserved, underserved, and inappropriately served communities.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please email those questions to Joshua.rayburn@achangllc.com. If you have any questions regarding CRDP or the planning of Phase 2, please email your questions to CRDP@cdph.ca.gov.

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Materials Posted for the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) Commission Meeting Nov. 20

Materials for the November 20, 2014 Commission Meeting have been posted to the Commission Meetings page.

The MHSOAC Commission will convene on Thursday, November 20 from 8:30 A.M. - 3:15 P.M. at the MHSOAC offices on 1325 J Street, Suite 1700, Sacramento. The call-in number is 866-817-6550 and the code is 3190377.

Among the agenda items, the Commission will be presented with an update on the status of the California Reducing Disparities Project Strategic Plan (CRDP). The five Strategic Planning Workgroups (SPW) have completed their population-specific reports and their recommendations served as the basis for the comprehensive Strategic Plan to identify new community approaches towards reducing disparities.

You may find all the supporting documents for the meeting here: http://mhsoac.ca.gov/Meetings/Meetings_Commission.aspx

California Department of Public Health's Forums in December

The public is invited to participate in 4 upcoming community forums regarding Phase 2 of the California Reducing Disparities Project.

The purpose of these forums is to share California Department of Public Health's plans for and progress on CRDP Phase 2 and to hear any questions, comments, or concerns you might have about Phase 2.
Phase II of the CRDP, to begin in 2014, will provide four years of funding to implement the practices and strategies identified in the CRDP Strategic Plan. The focus of Phase II will be on demonstrating the effectiveness of community-defined evidence in reducing mental health disparities. Through a multi-component program, the CDPH plans to fund selected approaches across the five CRDP-targeted populations with strong evaluation, technical assistance, and infrastructure support components.

Community forums will be held from 1-5 pm on the following dates:
- Tuesday, December 2, 2014 | Oakland
- Thursday, December 4, 2014 | Los Angeles
- Monday, December 8, 2014 | Fresno
- Wednesday, December 10, 2014 | Redding

As they become available, forum details will be provided on CDPH's CRDP Phase 2 webpage (http://tinyurl.com/cdphcrdp) and directly to those who RSVP.

You are invited to participate in-person or by web conference. To RSVP, please visit http://tinyurl.com/crdp-rsvp.

Should you have questions, please contact CRDP@cdph.ca.gov.

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